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For: OLIGOMERS SUBSTITUTED BY PHOSPHITE ESTER, PHOSPHONIC ACID OR CARBABORANE FUNCTIONS AND THE CORRESPONDING PNA MONOMERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Preliminary to examination of the above-identified application kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Kindly rewrite claims 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10 as follows:

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3. (Amended) A compound as defined in claim 1, wherein W is a hydrogen atom, U one or more units of formula Y, and Z an OH group.

4. (Amended) A compound as defined in claim 1, wherein at least one of the residues R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> exhibits one or more phosphite ester or phosphonic acid functions.

5. (Amended) A compound as defined in claim 1, wherein at least one of the residues R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> exhibits one or more carbaborane

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